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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 5-11, 13-16, 18-21, 23-24, 26-34, 36-46, 48-62, 64-65, 67-79,  
and 81-85 prior to calculating fees, and without prejudice to future prosecution.

Please amend claims 12 and 17 as follows:

12. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, [2, 3, or 4] wherein the polypeptide, or fragment of the polypeptide, has germ cell specific expression.

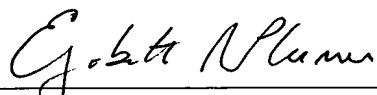
17. (Amended) An isolated binding polypeptide which binds selectively a polypeptide encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1[, 2, 3 or 4].

REMARKS

Claims 5-11, 13-16, 18-21, 23-24, 26-34, 36-46, 48-62, 64-65, 67-79, and 81-85 were cancelled without prejudice to future prosecution.

Claims 12 and 17 were amended to delete the multiple dependencies in each claim.

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